

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jordan (U.S. Pat. No. 2,565,855).

Drawings

It is noted that no Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO-948) was received with the outstanding Office Action. Thus, Applicant must assume that the drawings are acceptable as filed.

Claim Rejections

In response to the outstanding Office Action, the applicants submits that there are some clear differences between the present invention and Jordan as discussed below.

Jordan is related to "the quenching of bar, tube or sheet stock as it issues from a furnace in which it has been heated". Whereas, the present invention is related to a cleaning apparatus for pillared device. "The prior art must suggest the desirability of the claimed invention." (MPEP 2143.01) In this case, the prior art doesn't suggest the desirability of the claimed invention, so the rejection is unreasonable.

Moreover, the elements of Jordan that the examiner cited are quite different from the present invention. Please refer to FIG. 2 of the present invention and FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 of Jordan. In Jordan, a washer (15), a tank (8), a casting (11) and a cylindrical member (19) are disclosed. The cylindrical member (19) is not a lid as the element (13) of the present invention, but has a capacity to dispose other elements. Furthermore, a pipe (29) is connected to the cylindrical member (19) for guiding water into the cylindrical member (19), a detailed schematic view of the cylindrical member (19) is shown in FIG. 2. Therefore, not only the structure but also the function of the element (19) is totally different from the element (130) of the present invention.

In Jordan, element (15) is labeled a washer (15). However, the washer (15) is disposed within the chamber (12) for attaching to casting 11 and engaged casting (9) to provide a water tight joint between (see col.3, line 20). Obviously the washer (15) is totally different from the cleaning apparatus of the present invention.

It is submitted that Jordan does not disclose, or suggest any modification of the specifically disclosed structures that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at Applicant's claimed structure. Thus, it is not believed that Jordan renders obvious any of Applicant's original claims under 35 U.S.C. 103.


Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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